# ATLANTA STARS HAVE REGULAR ATHLETIC HABIT; LOSE IN FIRST FRAME OF OPENER WITH SOX

## MR. YORK'S IDENTITY EMBARRASSES ALL BUT KID GLEASON'S SOX

Connie Exhibits New Southpaw, a Stranger to Every One, Including Cy Perkins, but It Meant Nothing to Windy City Boys With Winning Ways

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL

THE ball game was about to begin. A flock of strangers, surrounded by Athletic uniforms, took their places in the cutfield and on the bases, and Cy Perkins, wearing his shin goards and protector, strolled toward the home plate. Bill Hildebrand, the neerless ump, playfully juggled a couple of new

pennant percentage by annexing the conflict

A big, busky guy emerged from the disjoin and walked briskly to the pitcher's box. Like the others on the field, he, too, were a uniform that once belonged to some one else; thateling one or the new balls on the fly, he started to fling left hunded shorts in to Perkins and didn't miss the name plate ones.

balls and the White Sox batters were ready to add a few more points to their

The gentlemen of the press who were Septembering in Shibe Park sat up in their sents. They proceed intently at the flinger, but they were looking at a perfect stranger. While a guessing contest was at its height the announcer shouted through his megaphone

York is nitching for the Ath-a letter.

There was a sigh of relief among the gentlemen of the press. They knew the name of the man on the mound, they were acquireded with the uniform beword, so they should worry. But some disputable blokes started to ask questions and the situation grow embarrassing. Where does this met sided bird buil from pointed asked Harry

Neilly, one of the Chicago gentlemen of the perss, who always wants to know "York is in Penes Jeans," poplied Bill Brandt Misently, "horizon

Harrisburg and . "Not the town, the player the gas who is picking," interrupted the centleman from Chicago.

"Never saw this before," said Jumps tiant-

"Never had an introduction," chirped slim Wolf

"He is a stranger to see, but he pitches with his left hand," replied Ray

"Then I don't know him, either," muttered Neilly, "so it's all eyen,

 $M^{R}$ . Will be suffered as a model the only one through. However, he got acquainted such the White Sax bottom under: that is, he petched to nine batters and allowed only our curs, when he was handed the timuse and taid to had a place on the arcelouded brach. Peckies

#### Connie Throws Little Light on York

THE game proceeded as all games on the hone for proceed. A heavy rain ma- falling, the Sox were so must to the good and uness five innings were played those six runs would be re-enhance as a 1916 calendar in a brevers. Therefore they hastened the conflict, allowed themselves to be put out indiscriminately and some fast work resulted. If no alien batter souked a single be would be thrown out trying to stretch it rate a double, and the two base hitters always perished at third. It was great work and fine exercise for the beau, but the game was forgotten when the Perkins appeared in the

"Why don't you ask Perkins about that guy York?" murmired Matty Mathews, the demon telegrapher. "He oughts slip you the dope,

Then the argument began all over again. "Who is York?" we asked of the star catcher

acquainted with him.

"He's a swell pitcher," said Cy. "Honest he is, tiotta swell fast half, a ascful hook and on hoy! Did you get his control?" "But who is he? Where did he come from?"

"I don't know, but he's a sweet pitcher, take it from me. Never and anything like it.

'Has be ever played baseball before?' If so, where?' Don't know anything about him; but, say, he is the greatest pitcher,

I ever saw, and-But that ended the cross-examination and, greatly refreshed by the in-

side stuff, the gentlemen of the press proceeded to pay more attention to After it was all over and the A's in their effort to hold the White Sox

to seven runs had forgotten to do a little seoring themselves, some one sugted that Connie Mark he assertioned regarding his new first the cornered and consented to be interviewed.

"I can't tell you much about York." he said, "except that he is in the army, has a two weeks' furlough and decided to spend his vacation at Shibe Park playing baseball. He said he was a pitcher, so I decided to give him a chance to show me if he had anything. I don't know where he lives or anything like that, but early in the 1917 season be came out here for a couple of weeks. He joined the army and went overscas before I could get well

" BELIEVE he once pitched in the Blue Ridge League, but I don't know the club. However, I had a look, and despite that had inning I believe he is a good pitcher. He had hard luck, and that's all there was to it."

### Plenty of Chance for the New Boys

CONNIE has an entirely new system of developing a winning ball club. Instead of bolstering the apparent weak spots, he fired the whole club and replaced the veterans with new men. Joe Dugan was the only varsity man in the game and was stuck at third base, where he covered as much ground as would be used to build a doghouse for a Pomeranian pap. Griffin at first, Dykes at second, Galloway at short and Wingo, Welsh and High in the outfield made the fans rub their eyes and wonder who's who,

That isn't a new scheme with me," said Manager Mack during the famous interview. "I would have done the same thing last year and the year before had I been able. I am firmly convinced it's the only way to build up a good ball club, and the building process has begun. We were losing games with the old men in the line-up, and we cannot be any worse now. In fact, those last three games were the best I have seen in years, The new men are in there every day, pitted against the best players in the league, and if they have anything they will show it. If I can discover three or four good ones I shall be satisfied.

"I do not intend to change the line-up for a time, at least. Perhaps I could put some of the older players in and strengthen the club, but those boys are showing so much pep and aggressiveness that I shall let them run

"You know, I am building for the future. I have more players than I know what to do with, but every man will be given a thorough tryout. I have been up against it for pitchers, but can't complain now. There are twenty four hurlers on the payroll, and a few should come through." 'Do you expect any more new men?' Connie was asked.

'No. I think not." he replied. "Perhaps a couple of catchers and a few pitchers and infielders will arrive next week, but outside of that I don't expect anything."

MACK has been buying players by the dozen, and three or four in a bunch now mean nothing to him. He prefers doing a wholesale

### White Sox Erase Mr. York Early

AS FOR the ball game, it was won in the first inning, when the mysterious Mr. York permitted himself to be binged for five bingles, handed a pair of bases on balls to the foe, saw Dugan and Wingo pull a couple of bones and six runs trickled over the home plate. Only one was out in the first and nine men had faced him when Connie used the hook and sent in a bloke named Roberts to finish the job. Aided by a rainstorm and a desire on the part of Kid Gleason to finish the game as soon as possible, Robby got by for six innings, when he was crased to allow Strunk to hit for him. Win Noyes was the third and last hurler and did not allow the semblance of a score in the last two innings.

The Sox played like champions, but gained nothing by the victory.

While they were winning Cleveland was trimming Boston, copping the tilt in In the National, Cincinnati beat Boston and the Giants walloped St. Lose, so the races are the same as yesterday morning.

A ND, lest we forget, our Phils took a fall out of Pittsburgh by the narrow margin of 6 to 5. That should help some.

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# COBB VIRTUALLY CLINCHES THE 1919 TITLE; IRISH MEUSEL DROPS TO THIRD PLACE IN N. L.

170 Hits for Average of .383; Cicotte Has Won 28 Games Out of 35

Club Batting Averages in American League

DERRILL PRATT HELD

IN THERE" getting his little base Tyrus Cobb is making a runnway of it in the American League batting sprint. The Detroit outfielder is now hitting .383 and has virtually clinched the hitting championship. T. R. also has grabbed the greatest number of hits

Speaking of running away with portant entry in this class. The White Sax veteran has bagged twenty-eight victories with a loss of only seven games. George Dauss, of Detroit, and Sotheren, the Browns star flinger, each have won twenty games. Batting streaks by Eddie Collins, Del Pratt and Tris Speaker all have been conned during the last week. Collins's string of nine games straight was ended Walter Johnson, Speaker failed to hit Cleatte after connecting safely in ten contests and Pratt went straight for fifteen engagements until he faced

Pitching history was made during the last seven days by Ray Caldwell, who flung a no-run, no-hit game against the The American League batting aver-

ages which include the games played last Wednesday follow;

AMERICAN LEAGUE AVERAGES 

"Pop" Geers Recovering Syracuse, Sept. 13.—Edward F. "Peers, who was injured Monday when it Hegiar boiled through the fence, the his associates for the Ohlo city yes. He may not however, be able to

Ship Circuit Horses to Columbus racuse. Sept. 18.—The Grand Circuram of nihe races, scheduled for toda declared off because of rain and to were shipped to Columbus. Of

Tyrns Out in Front With 5 Cincinnati Twirlers Have Registered 75 Triumphs for Pat Moran's Leading Reds

Cicotte and Williams Combined Have Captured Fifty Games for White Sox

AMATEUR BASEBALL NOTES

Irish Loses Four Points and Gives Way to Hornsby: Roush Tops All-Season Players at .319

RATH'S STREAK ENDS

Club Batting Averages in National League

championship of the National League. Our Irish has dropped four points during the last week, and he has lost hitting .308 and Hornsby .309.

whaling the ball at a .319 clip. Gavvy Crevath holds on to the front post with

Morry Rath's hitting streak came to an abrupt end during the last week, when he faced Ferdie Schupp. Rath hit safely in seventeen games and equaled Irish Meusel's figures for consecutive hitting. During his streak Rath punched out twenty-four hits in sixty-nine tries for an average of .348. George Whitted was another one of those young men whose hitting was halted temporarily. Whitted hit everything in eleven games and then fell down against Horseshoe Al Demarce. Earlier in the season Whitted walloped

the ball in twelve consecutive games. The batting averages in the National League, including games played last Wednesday, follow: NATIONAL LEAGUE AVERAGES INDIVIDUAL BATTING

The Road Drivers' Association was to he send the racing season for the fall of Chamonric Sondone to Was primary

# ENTER CHIEF BENDER INTO THE REALM OF PITCHING COMEBACKS

Charles Albert Is Only One Year Older Than Eddie Cicotte, Season's Main Winner-Laurel Very Rarely Crowns Brow That's Growing Bald

IN THE SPORTLIGHT-BY GRANTLAND RICE

## As the Years Move

Yes, more than just a few of us Have had our dreams of fame. Ayr, more than one or two of us, To star within some game;

To lead the field at this or that, Whatever game we like,

With club or racket or with bat, Where there are balls to strike.

But as the years begin to flit

And we begin to see That youth is plucking most of it

From off the cherry tree— We note with all our ups and downs

Where Fate has left us stalled, The lauret very rarely crowns
The brow that's growing bald.

#### The Chief Returns

Who says they never come back? A year or two ago Chief Bender was assigned as a star entry in the Has-Been circle, one who had faded never

"You may be interested to know." writes a Richmond expert, "that before the season closed Bender had pitched thirty one games with twenty-nine victories and two defeats. Also that he had won twelve games in a row. Also that toward the finish he pitched and won three games in three successire days. His fast ball, curve ball and change of pace, all delivered with the same motion, resemble the twisters of the Bender of old."

A FTER all, why shouldn't the Chief blow back for a spell? He to only a year older than Eddie Cicatte, the season's main winner in

#### Accepted

TURF tennis fan writes in to state that Brookes and Dunlop were a greater doubles team than Brookes and Wilding. He gives as his authority for this belief statements by Fred Alexander

N VIEW of this the amendment stands accepted. The number of IN YIEW of this the amendment stands accepted. The number of folks in this world who know more tennis than Fred Alexander or Narman Brookes can be counted on the fingers of your third hand.

#### You Know How It Is

Lives of duffers oft remind us How to leave the next bloke sore And, departing, leave behind us Heel prints in the sands galore.

Heel prints that perhaps another Foon will ratch along the line: Same forlorn and nerve-wrecked brother Who will take an eight or nine.

IN BEHALF of golf we might add these few lines-what other sport in the I universe could produce two championship finalists, aged seventeen and twenty-two, and then gather a record field for a seniors' tournament where the

## The Early Lure

I yearn to see with naked oye The stately spiral, sailing high; The fullback plunging through the line To land with definess on his spine; The fumbled punt—the maudlin roar When some dropkicker taps a score; The long end run-the woolly cheer-In fact, the whole cestatic smear.

EMIL MEUSEL is putting up a losing battle in his scrap for the batting A T THAT a nine-game world series wouldn't be so bad if one of the two championship of the National A Contenders would only win five straight.

WE NOTE where Babe Rath's "terrific strength" is given most of the eredit for his home-run record. Terrific strength is only 50 per cent of it. Perhis runner-up position. Mensel has feet timing is equally important in obtaining a long-distance range. Ruth can given way to Roger Hornsby. Irish is time his wallop as neatly as Walter Hagen can time a golf stroke or as surely hitting 2008 and the control of t itting 308 and Hornsby 309.

Beddie Roush is still showing the way combination that baseball has ever known in the way of sheer physical power among those who are playing regularly and a well-timed, co-ordinated swing. With a full 154-game schedule to shoothis season. The Reds' outfielder is at he would leave a mark that should stand for a pair of generations.



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